

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-361  
District 2  
Map 48  
Parcel 617  
MAGI # 2205685214  
1394

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Kemp's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Old Mill Inn

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Kemp's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James R. Fitzgerald

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 2

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

Liber #: 631

Folio #: 201

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED > 50%

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Kemp's Mill is located at the settlement of Kemp's Mill about two miles north of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. The mill stands on a narrow strip of land at the east bank of the Conococheague Creek, on the west side of Kemp's Mill Road, formerly part of the Williamsport-Greencastle (Pa.) Pike. It is at present a restaurant and tavern.

The mill is a large stone and frame structure, three and one half stories high and three bays wide. A two story four bay frame addition said to have been built in 1889 extends to the south. The main part of the mill stands perpendicular to the creek and road. The lower story and a half are of stone construction utilizing roughly coursed native limestone. The stones are relatively small in size suggesting 18th century work. An arched opening where the race enters the building is lined with carefully cut radiating voussiors. Above the stone section is the frame structure comprising the upper story and a half of the mill. This part is sheathed with wooden shingles over timber framing showing evidence of hewn and mill sawn work displaying pegged joining.

Windows in the frame portions have six over six pane sashes held within moderately wide frames. Openings in the stone section at the front or east elevation have been altered.

The roof of the entire structure is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Atop the main section is a hexagonal Victorian cupola.

At the interior of a turbine wheel is present in the lower part of the mill. The grinding stones do not appear to be present. Immediately west of the structure is the mill dam which remains intact across the Conococheague Creek.

According to public sale notice of 1874, improvements included a stone and frame flouring mill, 66 feet by 44 feet, three stories high with four pairs of burrs capable of turning out 80 to 100 barrels of flour per day. Also present was a saw mill and chapping and plastering mill which were located about 100 yards from the merchant mill on a small stream which enters the Conococheague Creek just below the main mill. Also listed among the improvements were two large brick houses, one the mansion house (presumed to be WA-I-360) three other dwellings, one log and the others frame and a frame barn and stone cooper shop (Chancery Records 20/219+). Only the "merchant mill" remains on the property today.

The mill is said to have been in operation until 1936 when it was extensively damaged by floods. It has received numerous alterations. The property, part of a "Resurvey on Dutch Folly" and "Resurvey on Freestone," contains 37.2 acres.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kemp's Mill, now ~~the~~ Old Mill Inn, a large three and one half story frame and stone structure is significant for its architecture as an example of an 18th century mill building and for its contribution to commerce and industry during much of Washington County's history. Architecturally the mill does show evidence of extensive alteration, but portions of its early and possibly original structure remain. The stone masonry shows evidence of 18th century workmanship. Milling was an important aspect of the 18th and 19th century economy in Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. Since this was a grain processing area, the mills provided farmers with opportunities for processing and marketing their produce.

It <sup>all</sup> was owned by William H.C. Kemp and his family from 1878 until 1937. (77/62, 191/453). Prior to that time it was operated by Abraham Leiter who purchased the mill property from Henry Ankeney in 1855 (IN10/93). Ankeney purchased the the mill in 1838 from John Miller, a trustee (TT/655) and Peter and Matthias Miller acquired the property in the area through various transactions in 1810. Apparently, prior to that time it was owned by Nicholas and Benjamin Swingley (W/204+). On a 1794 Map of Washington County, a mill is depicted at the approximate location of Kemp's Mill with the name "Swingle" noted.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 37.2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

5463 III NW  
(CLEAR SPRING)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

*Williamsport geologic*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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39°37'30"

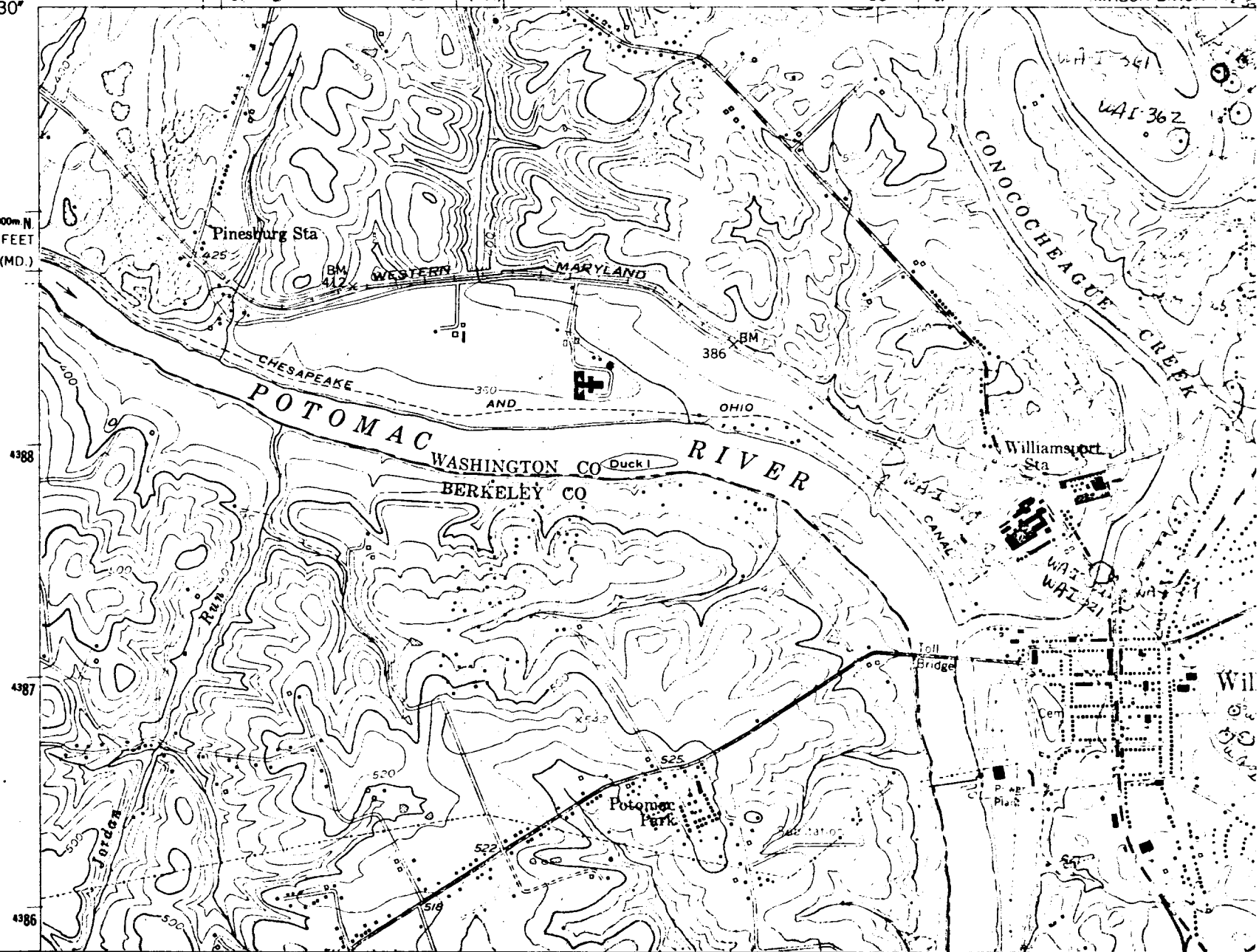
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50' 257

5463 III NE  
(MASON-DIXON)

4389 000m N  
650 000 FEET  
(MD.)



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11240 Kemp's Mill Road

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Kemps Mill

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7-7-93

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1945-1946

1947-1948

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Hemp's mill

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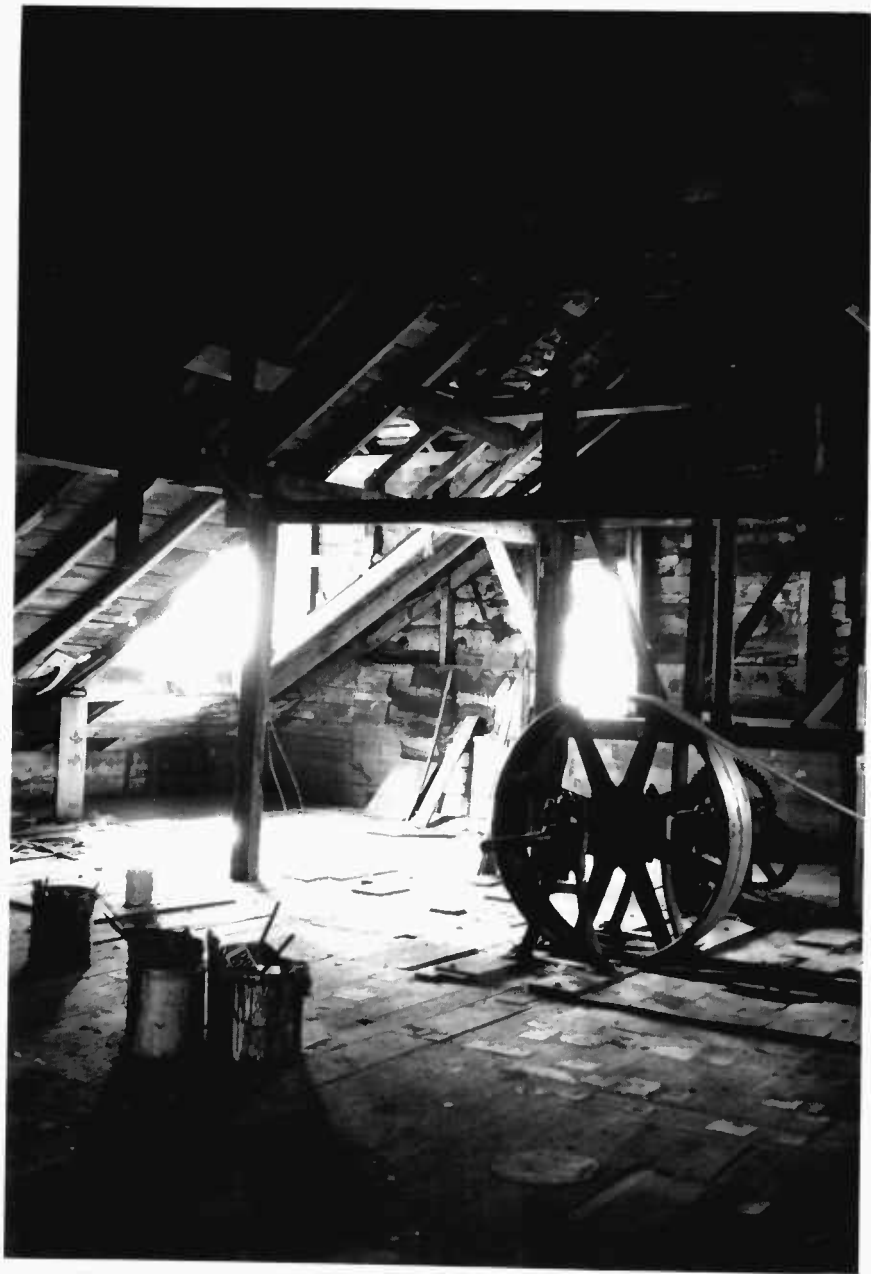
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Interview with [unclear]

Aug 1975

Kemp's mill

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Interior

Aug 1915

Kemp's mill

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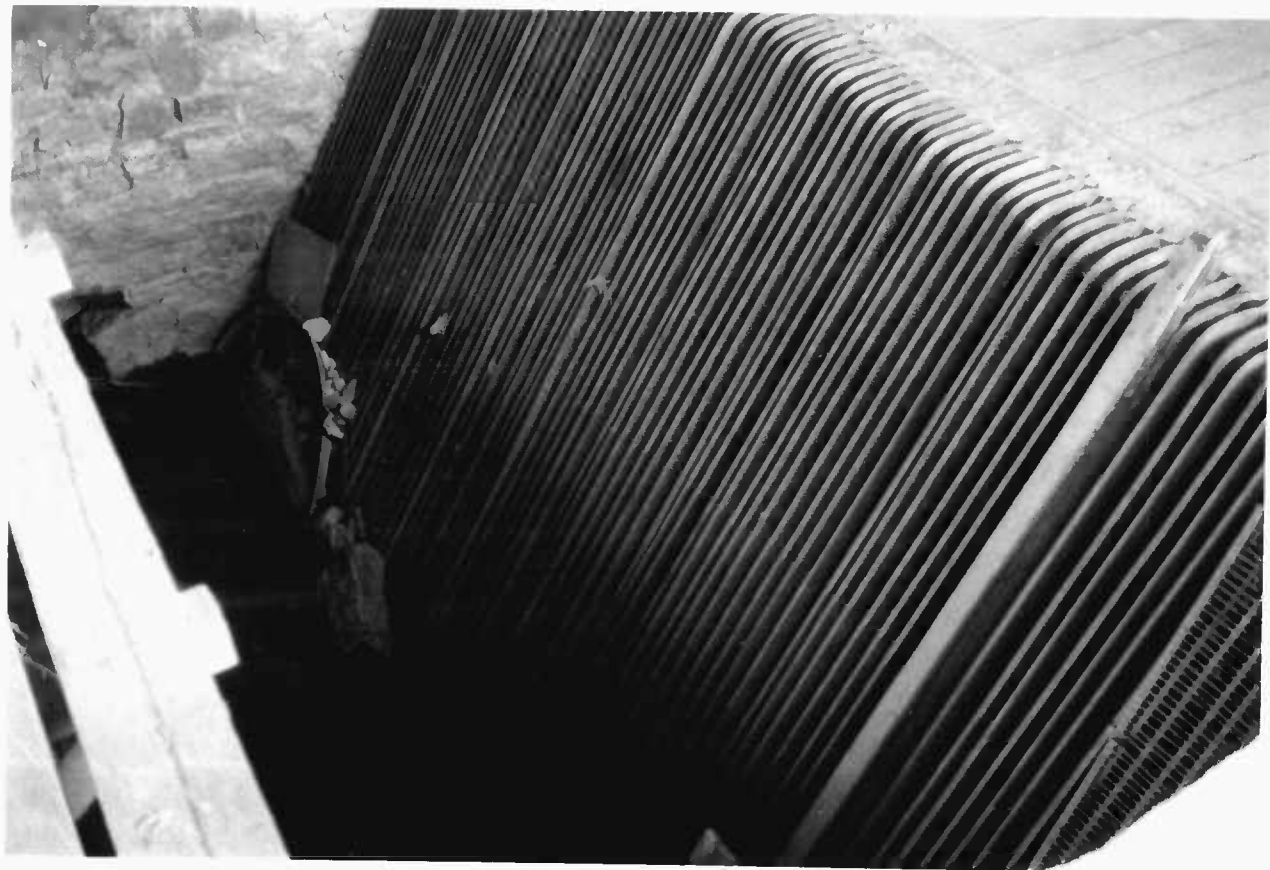
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original

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Remp's mill

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Gravel pit near entrance

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Kemp's mill

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